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Nicki Minaj's opening performance of her "Anaconda" single on Sunday night's MTV Video Music Awards dominated early conversation of the VMAs. For red carpet coverage, turn to page 12. For full coverage, visit www.metro.us.

A BITTERSWEET RETURN

Center City. Just shy of advancing to the U.S. championship at this year's Little League World Series, the Taney Dragons returned to the city that has supported them the most through their life-changing journey. A champions parade is set for Wednesday. PAGE 02

Taney Dragons' star pitcher Mo'ne Davis tips her hats to hundreds of fans who gathered at LOVE Park for the team's homecoming. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Briefly

The Philadelphia Phillies will honor the Taney Dragons before and during the game against the Washington Nationals at Citizens Bank Park on Wednesday night. The team and its coaches will be welcomed on the field at 6:30 p.m. and fans will receive a complimentary Taney Dragons t-shirt.

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Taney Dragons shown some LOVE upon return

Center City. The team was welcomed home with hundreds of fans at LOVE Park.

In a park that has been the site of Ferguson demonstrations and Israel and Palestine protests, hundreds of Philadelphians gathered to welcome home a Little League Baseball team.

The Taney Dragons lost last week, just one win shy of the national championship game in the Little League World Series. But on Sunday, the team returned home to a rally as if they won the entire thing.

Among the crowd were young children, especially girls in their high socks and baseball and softball shirts and reflective glasses waving signs and sports magazines with markers clipped to the covers.

Bob and Carol O'Hare, of Flourtown, attended the rally because they thought the 12 Little leaguers, especially star pitcher Mo'ne Davis, were terrific role models.

"And a bright bit of sunshine in the midst of so much going wrong in the world," Carol added.

Bob said: "I think we're all hungry for something positive and for throwing down these guns. … Trading your gun for a Little League baseball bat would be fine."

The team, which plays at the Anderson Rec Center in Center City, caught national attention for its climb from Center City to the third-best Little League team in the nation.

And in celebration of their feat, a parade will take place on Wednesday.

"We still have some details still to work out," Mayor Michael Nutter said. "But on Wednesday in Philadelphia there will be a champions parade."

They were a team of firsts: First city team to compete in Williamsport; Davis became the first girl to pitch a shutout in the World Series; She also became the first Little Leaguer to grace the cover of Sports Illustrated.

"They did a hell of a good job," said Stephanie Davis, of South Philadelphia. "They should be proud of themselves."

"One girl on the team? Whoa! She's bad!" Stephanie Davis deadpanned.

The experience

Manager Alex Rice posed a question to his players: "What did you most appreciate and enjoy from your last two weeks in Williamsport?"

- Outfielder Zion Spearman: "My favorite part was playing the best teams in the countries and meeting Ryan Howard."

Visit **Metro.us** for more photos and quotes from Taney players.

Manager Alex Rice said that for the entire journey — from Philadelphia to Bristol, Connecticut, to Williamsport — the good feelings and positive vibes from Philadelphia followed them.

"We felt the love," he said.

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The Taney Dragons celebrated their success at the Little League World Series, right, as hundreds of people, left, gathered at LOVE Park on Sunday to welcome home the team. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Frankford. Man charged with murder of suspected truck thief

Brian Baur, 56, was charged with murder over the weekend for fatally shooting Richard Hall, 30, of New Jersey, allegedly to protect his truck.

On Aug. 21 around 10:30 p.m., police responded to a call of a person with a gun on the 4500 block of Torresdale Avenue.

Defending property?

While in states like Texas, deadly force can be used legally to protect a person's property, Pennsylvania state laws require the immediate threat of death or serious bodily harm to justify a legal self-defense killing.

"Officers were met by an unknown white male who stated that he was the owner of the property and he had just shot someone that was trying to break into his vehicle," the police report states. "The officers observed an unresponsive white male lying on the ground bleeding from his head area." SAM NEWHOUSE

North Philadelphia

Mother shoots her son in self-defense

A man is recovering from bullet wounds and facing aggravated assault charges after he threatened his 78-year-old mother with a gun and she shot him. Police responded to the 5700 block of McMahon Avenue Friday around 9 p.m.

The victim, 78, said her son, 45, entered her house drunk, threatened to strangle her, and when she hid in a bedroom upstairs, entered with a gun and said, "I'm gonna shoot you, b—." The victim picked a gun up off the bed and fired multiple times, hitting him in the stomach, police said. He fired once in retaliation and hit a wall.

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New South Philly digs for Chhaya Cafe

Chhaya Cafe opened in a new, larger location over the weekend at 1819 East Passyunk Ave. in South Philadelphia. According to Visit Philly, the new location has doubled in size and is serving breakfast, lunch and dinner with organic, fair trade coffee. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Philadelphia. Deal reached with DC33 to give city workers a raise

A new contract for the AFSCME District Council 33 is awaiting ratification by the union's members after leadership reached an agreement with the city.

"Everyone is saying, 'finally,'" said a city employee and DC33 member for about 30 years, who asked not to be identified. "I haven't gotten a cost-of-living raise in five years. The cost of living hasn't noticed."

Mayor Michael Nutter announced Friday that an agreement was reached, which upon ratification by the union will give every member of DC33 a $2,800 lump sum, and will call for a 3.5 percent wage increase on Sept. 1. Employees will also get a 2.5 percent raise July 1, 2015.

The deal terminates a pending lawsuit filed by the city to force DC33 to agree to some of their terms, reports say.

The city dropped its demand that they be allowed to furlough workers, but retains the ability to use temporary layoffs "when economic circumstances warrant," according to a statement from the mayor's office.

Workers will have to pay .5 percent more to their pension starting in 2015, and another .5 percent in 2016.

The city will also pay out $20 million to the union's heath care fund within 30 days of ratification under the new contract.

"It was a war of personalities, Nutter vs. [DC33 president Pete] Matthews," said the DC33 member who asked not to be named, about why negotiations took so long. "DC33 needs to be shaken by the scruff until all the fleas are thrown off of it."

DC33 represents the city's blue-collar workers, including corrections officers, Water Department employees, Free Library assistants, sanitation workers, Streets Department workers and more.

SAM NEWHOUSE

DC33 contract

The new contract expires June 30, 2016.

- Philly's white-collar workers DC47 got a new deal from the city in February.
- Both unions had worked without contracts since 2009.

Quoted

"I am delighted. ... This agreement means that all city employees are now working under contract."
Mayor Michael Nutter

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Columbus Boulevard.
'Messiah' injured

A half-naked man was injured Sunday morning after banging on cars passing along Christopher Columbus Boulevard and claiming to be the "Messiah," police said.

Police said the 57-year-old man, who suffers from depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, mixed his new medication with alcohol and became delusional.

He walked on the boulevard around 4 a.m. and started banging on passing cars proclaiming himself to be the Messiah when he struck a 24-year-old man inside a black sedan, who then opened his door and knocked the older man to the ground.

The young man then got out of the vehicle and again, the older man tried to hit him.

The young man pushed the older man to the ground and got back into the car. After the older man again attempted to engage the vehicle, the car took off. The older man was treated for a busted lip and released.

TOMMY ROWAN

Queen Village

Cook stabs co-worker

A cook at a Queen Village restaurant stabbed a co-worker Saturday night after a heated exchange, police said.

The Snockey's Oyster & Crab House cook, 49, stabbed another cook, 41, in the chest around 5 p.m. inside the kitchen of the restaurant, located on the 1000 block of Second Street. The man's condition is unknown.

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Enjoy the last week of Spruce St. Harbor Park

Visitors to Spruce Street Harbor Park enjoy a cold drink on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Waterfront. The popular park is only open for one more week this summer.

The last unofficial week of summer is upon us and not only are kids heading back to school soon, the beloved pop up bars, gardens and parks will also are also being put away for the winter.

But there is still time to enjoy probably the most popular one of the season — Spruce Street Harbor Park.

The park, complete with an urban beach, floating brightly lit barges, life-sized chess, food trucks, beverages, a boardwalk and more, is open until Sept. 1. On Aug. 30, the season's last Art Star Pop Up Market will be held.

But don't fret — get your outdoor drinking on into the fall at this year's PHS Pop-Up Garden on South Street next to the Jamaican Jerk Hut. Summer may be over soon but PHS will keep this garden open until mid-October.

Tonight, there's quizzo and a screening of "The Great Outdoors" and live music on Tuesday.

Don't miss a thing

Spruce Street Harbor Park is open from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily.

- The Pop-Up Garden is open at 11 a.m. from Monday to Friday and noon on weekends.

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Quake rocks Calif. wine country, dozens injured

Earthquake. The 6.0 quake jolted many residents out of bed when it hit at 3:20 a.m.

A 6.0 magnitude earthquake rocked wine country north of San Francisco early on Sunday, injuring dozens of people, damaging historic buildings, setting some homes on fire and causing power outages around the picturesque town of Napa, California.

Three people were seriously injured, including a child who had multiple fractures after a fireplace fell on him, local fire battalion chief John Callahan said. Six fires broke out, including one that consumed six mobile homes, he said.

The local Queen of the Valley hospital said it had treated 89 patients.

There were no reports of fatalities, but the quake shook up residents, said Barry Martin, community outreach coordinator for the City of Napa, which has a population of 77,000.

"This was a pretty big jolt in Napa, but it certainly is not The Big One," Martin added in comments to local television, referring to Californians' fears of a catastrophic quake.

Most damage appeared centered around Napa, a famous wine-producing region and a major tourist destination.

Brick facades gave way in the historic section of downtown Napa, and bricks fell off a second-floor corner of the courthouse, which showed cracks. On the main street, masonry collapsed onto a car. **REUTERS**

A worker looks at a pile of wine bottles that were thrown from the shelves at Van's Liquors following a reported 6.0 earthquake in Napa, California. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"It was long. I think it was the biggest one since I felt the 1989 quake."

Stephanie Martin, 47, a nursing assistant in Oakland

Earthquake

Largest quake to hit Bay Area in 25 years

The quake was the largest to hit the Bay Area since the Loma Prieta quake in 1989, which killed 63 people and caused $6 billion in property damage. That quake measured 6.9, while the famous one that leveled San Francisco in 1906 measured 7.8.

Sunday's quake was strong enough to be felt throughout the Bay Area.

The quake was followed by small aftershocks of about magnitude 2, USGS geophysicist Randy Baldwin said.

The quake knocked out power to about 40,000 homes and businesses in Napa and neighboring cities Sonoma, St. Helena and Santa Rosa, according to the website for Pacific Gas & Electric. **REUTERS**

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Britain says it's close to IDing suspect in Foley beheading video

Video. The actions of ISIS members inspired revulsion in the West.

Britain is close to identifying a suspected British national shown beheading American journalist James Foley in a video released by Islamic State militants last week, the British ambassador to the United States said on Sunday.

The horrific video showing the killing of Foley last week, together with a threat to kill another American journalist being held hostage, Steven Sotloff, inspired outrage in the West and a desire to hunt down the killer.

The masked knifeman shown in the video spoke English with a London accent, and security services have launched a major attempt to find out who he is by analyzing the video and seeking to identify him from among the estimated 500 Britons believed to have gone to join the jihadists in Iraq and Syria.

Britain's ambassador to the U.S., Peter Westmacott, told CNN's "State of the Union" that Britain was putting a great deal of resources into identifying the suspect, including voice-recognition technology.

He said he could not give more details, but added, "I do know from my colleagues at home that we are close."

Former hostages of Islamic State have suggested that the man in the video is one of a group of British Islamists assigned to guard foreign prisoners. They have been dubbed John, Paul and Ringo, of The Beatles, because of their British accents, and British media say the suspect is "jihadi John."

Republicans on Sunday called for more aggressive U.S. action to defeat Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq, accusing President Barack Obama of policies that have failed to thwart potential new threats on U.S. soil. REUTERS

The Islamic State militant that beheaded James Foley. / YOUTUBE

Quoted

"They are one plane ticket away from U.S. shores."

Rep. Mike Rogers, Republican chairman of the House of Representative Intelligence Committee, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Journalist

US hostage missing since 2012 freed in Syria: Al Jazeera

Kidnappers in Syria have freed a U.S. journalist missing since 2012, Secretary of State John Kerry said on Sunday, following what Qatari-owned Al Jazeera said were efforts by the Gulf Arab state to win his release.

Kerry said in a statement announcing the release of Theo Curtis that the United States was using "every diplomatic, intelligence and military tool" at its disposal to secure the release of other Americans held hostage in Syria.

News of Curtis' release emerged just days after Islamic State militants this week killed American journalist James Foley, who was kidnapped in Syria in 2012.

A Qatari source said Curtis had been handed over to a representative of the United Nations in Syria. "Qatari intelligence agencies were behind the release of the American journalist in Syria. Qatar, like many countries, looks to free those captive for humanitarian reasons," the source added. REUTERS

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Ferguson

Obama said to order audit of military gear used by police

President Barack Obama has offered assurances of a fair investigation into the shooting in Ferguson and called for an end to violence. He has also has ordered a formal review of U.S. programs that fund purchases of military-grade equipment by local law enforcement.

Police and demonstrators have clashed nightly for more than a week, drawing criticism of the police use of heavy-handed tactics and military gear. **BLOOMBERG**

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL /GETTY IMAGES

More rallies planned over shooting of unarmed teen

Washington. The White House said three presidential aides would attend Brown's funeral.

A memorial near the spot where Michael Brown's body lay after he was shot. / GETTY IMAGES

The parents of Trayvon Martin, the Florida teenager shot dead in 2012, on Sunday joined the family of Michael Brown, killed by a police officer in Missouri this month, in a rally in St. Louis on Sunday to protest against police violence.

The demonstration took place one day before the funeral of Brown, an 18-year-old black youth whose slaying by a white police officer, Darren Wilson, in the town of Ferguson on Aug. 9 led to days of unrest and drew global attention to race relations in the United States.

The shooting of Martin by a civilian vigilante was one of the most high-profile incidents of racial tension in the United States in recent years, with family and supporters saying it showed the rough treatment that black youths live with.

The last four nights have been relatively calm, however, although shortly before midnight on Saturday, police arrested three people. The main street of Ferguson was open to traffic and the police presence was down sharply from just 24 hours earlier.

At an impromptu memorial where Brown was shot, a few people posed for photos on Sunday and fresh flowers had been laid along the street.

A grand jury began hearing evidence on Wednesday, a process the county prosecutor said could take until mid-October. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"I just had to come. I don't know why exactly, but I felt it so I came. I think the looting and rioting is bad, but to do nothing is worse."

Steve Coyne, who drove six hours from Elkhart, Indiana, to pay his respects.

Shooting

Gov. Nixon defends Ferguson prosecutor

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon defended his decision not to replace a local prosecutor probing the shooting of an unarmed black teenager by a white police officer.

Nixon said St. Louis County Prosecutor Bob McColloch is backed by voters and that a grand jury inquiry into Brown's death will be diligent. Ferguson community leaders and the Rev. Al Sharpton, a top civil rights activist, have questioned McColloch's ability to present a fair case. **BLOOMBERG**

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Tech. China targets own operating system to take on big rivals

China could have a new homegrown operating system by October to take on imported rivals such as Microsoft, Google and Apple, Xinhua news agency said on Sunday.

Computer technology became an area of tension between China and the United States after a number of run-ins over cyber security. China is now looking to help its domestic industry catch up with imported systems such as Microsoft's Windows and Google's mobile operating system Android.

The system would first appear on desktop devices and later extend to smartphone and other mobile devices, Xinhua said, citing Ni Guangnan, who heads an official OS development alliance established in March. REUTERS

Automotive

Hyundai Motor meets workers' union after wage boycott

Hyundai Motor's management is meeting workers to resolve differences over wage demands after losing two days of extra weekend shifts to a boycott. Management plans to unveil its proposals to workers during two days of meetings that started Sunday, said Hwang Ki Tae, union spokesman.

Workers are demanding that bonuses be counted as part of their base wages. BLOOMBERG

Pressure builds within Fed to signal new policy course

Aside from an unpredictable market reaction, Janet Yellen will have to contend with a potentially uncooperative world economy that could upend U.S. economic progress. / BILLY BECERRA, METRO

Fed chair. Yellen does not want to raise rates only to have to shift gears if the economy slows.

Pressure is building within the Federal Reserve for officials to move as early as next month to more clearly acknowledge improvements in the U.S. economy and lay the groundwork for the central bank's first interest rate hike in nearly a decade.

According to some U.S. central bankers and their close advisers, signs of economic resilience and growing anxiety about the risks of holding rates too low for too long have set the stage for an intense debate over rewriting their policy statement.

It is uncertain whether officials will use their upcoming meeting on Sept. 16 and Sept. 17 to scrap key parts of the language they have been using to keep rate-hike expectations at bay, but if they do not, October looks like a good bet.

Another line that has drawn internal objections is the month-old statement that "significant" slack remains in the labor market, a suggestion that not even strong job growth and a further drop in unemployment will prompt a tightening of policy any time soon. REUTERS

Month

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At issue is a 5-month-old pledge from the Fed to keep benchmark rates near zero for a "considerable time" after it shelves an asset-purchase program in October.

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Virus. Sierra Leone 'hero' doctor's death exposes slow Ebola response

When two American aid workers recovered from Ebola after being treated with an experimental drug, the grieving family of Sierra Leone's most famous doctor wondered why he had been denied the same treatment before he died from the deadly virus.

Sheik Umar Khan was a hero in his small West African country for leading the fight against the worst outbreak of Ebola which has killed 1,427 people mostly in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea.

When Khan fell sick in late July, he was rushed to a treatment unit run by Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) where doctors debated whether to give him ZMapp, a drug tested on laboratory animals but never before used on humans.

Staff agonized over the ethics of favoring one individual over hundreds of others and the risk of a popular backlash if the untried treatment was perceived as killing a national hero.

People sit beneath a banner mourning doctor Sheik Umar Khan at Kenema government hospital, Sierra Leone. / GETTY IMAGES

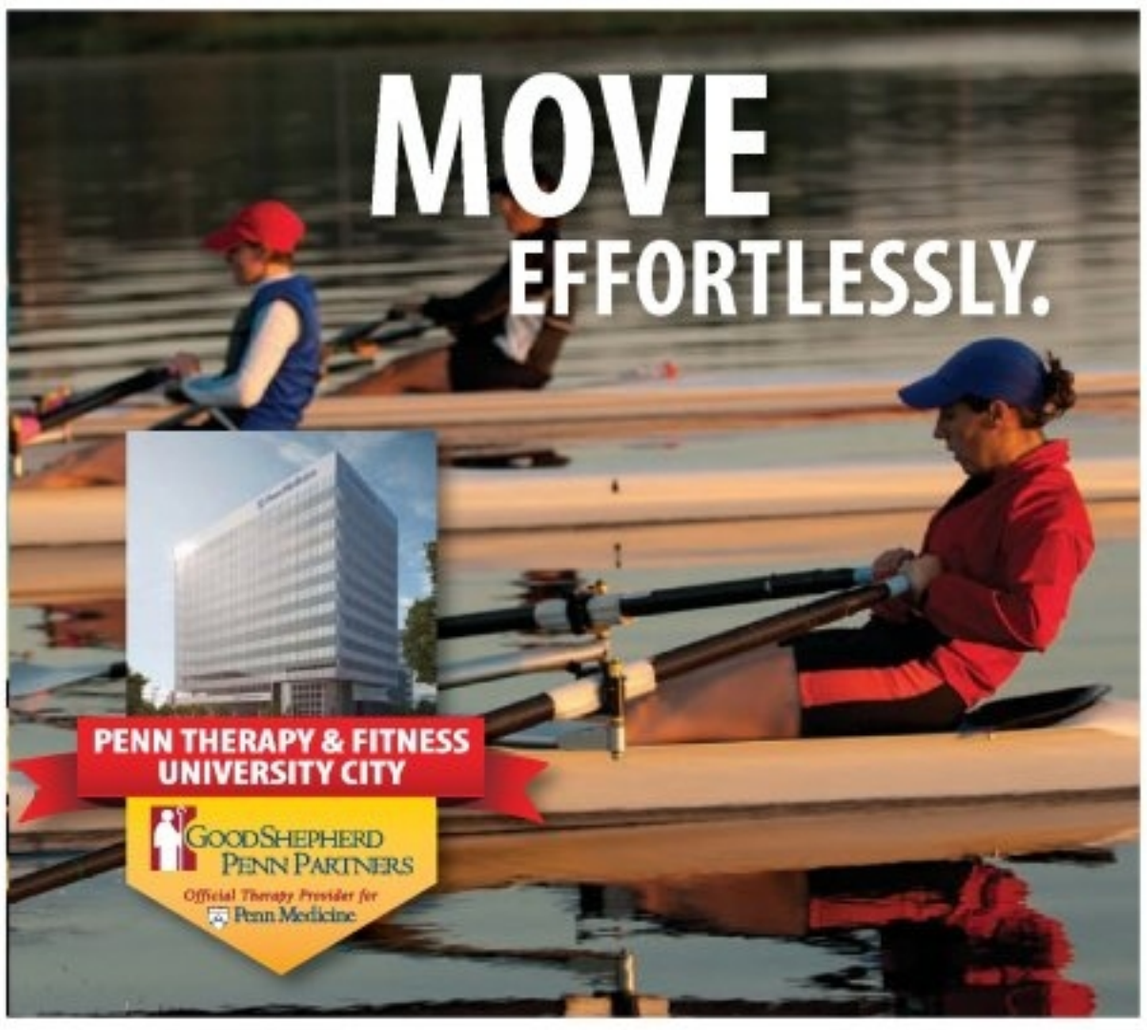
Deaths

100

Khan is among nearly 100 African health care workers to have died from fighting Ebola.

In the end, they decided against using ZMapp. Khan died on July 29, plunging his country into mourning.

A few days later, the California-manufactured pharmaceutical was administered to U.S. aid workers Kent Brantly and Nancy Writebol, who contracted Ebola in Liberia and were flown home for treatment. It is not clear what role ZMapp played in their recovery, but the two left the hospital in Atlanta last week. REUTERS



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CULTURE

In the news

Rap mogul Suge Knight was hospitalized after violence erupted at a VMAs pre-party early yesterday morning, with shots fired at R&B star Chris Brown but hitting Knight and two other attendees instead. TMZ reports that one of the unidentified victims is in critical condition. Multiple shots were fired around 1:30 a.m. at West Hollywood nightclub 1OAK, with several sources claiming Brown was the intended target. Other attendees at the VIP bash included Justin Bieber and Tyson Beckford. Knight was rushed to nearby Cedars-Sinai, and is expected to recover. Brown, who was hosting the party, tweeted his feelings after the incident, writing, "It's disappointing that we as a society can't have fun or enjoy ourselves without any altercations sometimes. Miss me with the bulls—!"

Visit **Metro.us** for more details on the other victims of the shooting.

Bang, bang there goes your heart

Ladies were looking great on the red carpet last night.

Ariana Grande

The former Nickelodeon looks like Blond Ambition-era Madonna, a reference that might be lost on the 21-year-old star, as the "Problem" singer was born three years after the Blond Ambition tour ended.

Nicki Minaj

Despite her wildlife print, Nicki Minaj was tame on the red carpet this year, at least tame by her standards. It's a short dress but this is a woman whose past VMA appearances were marked by her neon wigs and accessories.

Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift totally owned the cute little jumper she wore and nobody can take that away from her (the way Kanye tried to take an award away from her five years ago). The only thing we might have changed is how close the letter V is to her actual V.

Amber Rose

Amber Rose, who was there to cheer on husband and "We Dem Boyz" singer Wiz Khalifa, was a bit of a distraction in her bejeweled dress, which left little to the imagination and accentuated her curvaceous bod.

Miley Cyrus

Miley Cyrus may have dominated post-VMAs talk in 2013, but she actually kept her tongue inside of her mouth for a few photos this year.

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TV watch list

MOVIE

'Pitch Perfect'

Can't wait for the sequel to 2012's most popular a capella movie? The original will have to do for now. You'll just have to live with having "Cups" stuck in your head again. **7 P.M., HBO**

REALITY

'Hotel Hell'

Gordon Ramsay visits a hotel in Vermont, where the pet-friendly policy has gotten out of control. Out of control in quantity or variety? We're hoping for some pet kangaroos. **9 P.M., FOX**

AWARDS

66th Primetime Emmy Awards

This year, try out a special Monday night viewing of the Emmy awards, because nothing says festive party night like a Monday. **8 P.M., NBC**

COMEDY

'The Simpsons'

If the Emmys aren't your thing, don't worry: There are still more "Simpsons" to watch on the FXX marathon. In this episode, Homer takes Flanders on a trip to Las Vegas. Which Las Vegas activities can Ned Flanders even partake in? Maybe they'll catch a Celine Dion show. **8 P.M., FXX**

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Seth Meyers has not aged in the past decade and will continue to look like this decades into the future. / RODOLFO MARTINEZ/NBC

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Head of the class

Interview. Michael Fassbender loved having his face obscured in "Frank."

Yes, that's Michael Fassbender underneath a papier mache head in "Frank," out now. / MAGNOLIA PICTURES

As the titular character in "Frank," Michael Fassbender plays a reclusive, eccentric musician who can only deal with the world from within a large, cartoonish papier mache head. You'll just have to take him at his word that it's him under there the whole time, but we believe him. Oh, and did you know Fassbender's classmates used to make fun of him in school because of his last name? Because they did.

How do people know it's actually you under the head for the entire film?
They don't. [Laughs] Well, I mean, if you look closely at my hands and stuff you can see it's me. There were supposed to be a couple of scenes where a double would be used, because in terms of our scheduling it was overlapping with something else for me, but I ended up doing those as well. I ended up doing it all.

What stands out most about performing underneath a giant papier mache head?
It was just a lot of fun. By putting the head on, I definitely increased my sense of mischief and anarchy. Sometimes wearing the head and just standing there looking at another cast member, they're looking at me going, "What's he thinking? Is he asleep in there?" There's a lot to play with. And we found, after a while, that the audience starts to project emotions or opinions or what they think Frank is thinking onto the [character], so it becomes an interesting interaction between the audience and the mask.

There's this notion in the film of being envious of artists with terrible childhoods explored here. Did you experience any of that growing up?
Absolutely. I think definitely when I was at drama school, I thought the torture and the pain is necessary to gain any quality — like somehow you had to put yourself through that in order to get an end result. I don't believe that anymore, but I do believe that you've got to put a lot of work in. I've seen plenty of talented people not work because they weren't really ready when the opportunity comes. With this kind of profession, opportunities come about but maybe not so regularly.

What's in a name?

Did you feel added pressure going into acting because of your name?
Because of [director] Rainer Werner Fassbinder? There was obviously different connotations that could be made with my name when I was younger, so I've definitely been on the receiving end of some of those. I've gone through the various ways that my name can be shortened or rhymed as a kid, I'm used to it. Nothing is original anymore.

You've been doing a wide range of film projects. Is that part of a plan or just opportunities that present themselves?
Really the latter. I try and do different things. I try not to repeat a character as much as I can. There are obviously limitations, and I start to repeat myself anyway, but to try to pick as diverse characters as possible and to keep [repetition] to a minimum if I can is something that I'm conscious about.

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Chloe Grace Moretz vs. 'The Fault in Our Stars'

Interview. The star of "If I Stay" says her film's novel is a better seller than the other YA death book.

Chloe Grace Moretz is the best cheerleader "If I Stay" could ask for. As the star of the film adaptation of the successful YA novel — about a teen girl trapped in limbo while in a coma, trying to decide whether to live or die — Moretz has been a tireless campaigner and social media omnipresence. She'll even go so far as to point out how much better the book sells than a certain other tearjerker recently turned into a film.

You tweeted recently about how much 'If I Stay' outsells 'The Fault in Our Stars.'

That was from USA Today! For every 10 books we sell, they only sell 8.3 books.

Do you feel any sort of rivalry with that book and film and yours?

Not quite really a rivalry, but more like I think it's interesting that we're all making movies like this, for young teens and kids that they're actually enjoying. And what I think is so cool about it is that we're really mobilizing youth to be interested in reading, when really, I don't think in many generations have we had a group of kids — a generation — that is so interested in reading the latest novel.

CHLOE GRACE MORETZ GETS CUTE WITH "IF I STAY" CO-STAR JAMIE BLACKLEY. WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Why do you think that is?

I mean, you look at 1980 to 1990, and that is a time period when you had all this technology coming through in the forefront, all this brand-new technology. And then now, this generation — my generation — we've grown up with technology, so it's not special to us. It's kind of just whatever. Like, I've had an iPhone since I was 11, most kids younger than me have had iPhones since they were 7 years old. They don't really care about technology because it's just their life. There's not an enthrallment. So I think they're looking

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Chloe Grace Moretz plays a teenager in a coma in "If I Stay," now in theaters. / GETTY IMAGES

for something that might be a bit more naturalistic, something that makes them feel and emote, because I think that our generation of electronics is kind of counteracting that.

And lately it's been books that are more reality-based and less about sparkly vampires.

Yeah, definitely. The more reality there is in these novels and movies, the better it is, which is shocking because it used to be the more camp, the more laughs, the more stylized, the better.

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Keeping the doctor away

Has shooting this film changed your opinion of hospitals at all?

Um, I think it made me hate them more. There are some really mean people that work in this hospital [in the movie]. It's a hospital that I would never want my family to be put into, and [also] because I filmed it inside of an insane asylum.

It doesn't look like an insane asylum, at least.

Yeah, exactly, because they made it look real pretty. [Laughs]

Box office. 'Guardians of the Galaxy' surges back into first place

You can't keep a good raccoon down: "Guardians of the Galaxy" is tops at the box office again. / MARVEL

Marvel's hit space adventure "Guardians of the Galaxy" returned to win the domestic box office race in its fourth week of release, slaying the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and ending the oversized reptiles' two-week reign at the top of the charts.

"Guardians," which also became the highest-grossing movie of the summer season, sold $17.6 million worth of tickets at North American theaters from Friday through Sunday.

"Turtles" took in $16.8 million in its third weekend to claim second place. "If I Stay" (see story at left) was third with $16.4 million.

Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Brothers distributed "If I Stay." "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" was distributed by Viacom Inc.'s Paramount Pictures. Walt Disney Co. distributed "Guardians of the Galaxy." REUTERS

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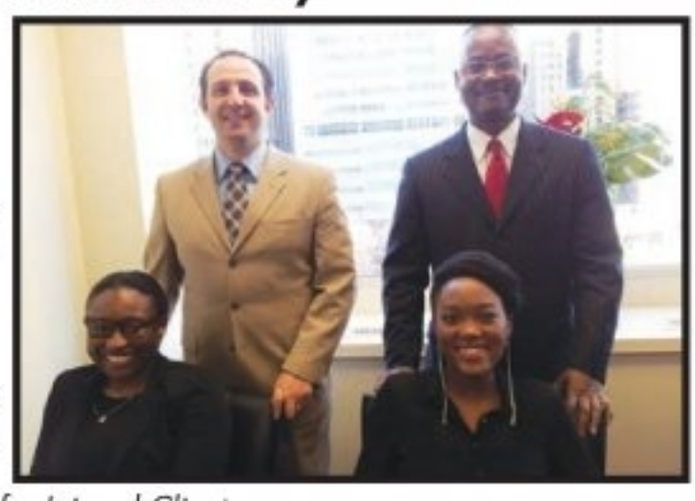

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‘They want’ Spoon

Indie rock. Despite taking four years to put out another album, this Texas band’s fans are still with them.

Spoon’s latest album, “They Want My Soul,” comes four years after their last album. Guitarist and keyboard player Eric Harvey admits that’s a long time.

“The last Spoon record came out in 2010, so that means a kid that was 12 then is now 16,” Harvey calculates out loud. “Somebody who was 25 is now almost 30, and are they still going to shows? And are they still into music at all?”

Harvey’s concern is evidently not warranted, however, as “They Want My Soul” debuted at No. 4 on the Billboard charts when it was released earlier this month.

Harvey says there were times in between albums when he wasn’t sure he’d be playing under the Spoon moniker again.

“There was no question whether or not Spoon was going to make another record,” he says, though singer Britt Daniel’s side-project, Divine Fits, had fans wondering about that. “For me it wasn’t a question of whether I’d be invited back, but a lot can happen within a few years.”

While Daniel was doing Divine Fits, Harvey made a solo album and did some freelance graphic design work.

“The farthest away from Spoon I got wasn’t going to some faraway place, but it was actually having some sort of domestic life in Texas,” he says. “I was living with my girlfriend at the time, and basically for the first time in six years I was home all the time. I ended up getting a day job and doing music on the side, because I certainly didn’t make any money doing my solo record; certainly not enough to make it my full-time job, so it was a bit of a reality check for a while there.”

HARVEY, TOP LEFT, SAYS THERE WAS A TIME THAT HE THOUGHT HE WOULDN’T BE POSING FOR A PICTURE LIKE THIS AGAIN. / TOM HINES

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“There was no question whether Spoon was going to make another record.” Harvey

Festival circuit

Spoon-fed info

Spoon are playing the late summer festival circuit, including a stop at Philly’s Made In America fest, where they perform while Girl Talk is performing on another stage and right before Tiesto plays a headlining slot.

“We pretty much open for DJs now,” Harvey says, laughing slightly. “I don’t always look at these festival bills until right before we play, and chances are that I really want to see somebody, but it’s the day after we perform so we’re not going to be there. But I did stay to see The Replacements at one festival we played earlier this year.”

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Living on the Fringe

Festival. FringeArts' new restaurant, La Peg, opens today, and the annual theater fest kicks off next week.

Fringe Festival is just around the corner, and this year it has a home base. Many of the "presented" shows — the ones visiting from around the world — will be performed at FringeArts' new theater at Race and Columbus.

The venue's restaurant, La Peg, where free late-night Fringe performances will take place, opens tonight — but it's not just for pre- and post-show bites, says chef/proprietor Peter Woolsey. "We plan on it attracting everybody; it's a full-service restaurant in one of the most fantastic spaces Philadelphia has to offer," Woolsey says, citing 45-foot-tall ceilings and omnipresent views of the Ben Franklin Bridge.

La Peg's large outdoor space will open Sept. 5, coinciding with the Fringe Fest kickoff. Tickets for the shows, running from Sept. 5 to Sept. 22, are available at FringeArts.com. Here are four to see.

In German artist collective Rimini Protokoll's "100% Philadelphia," 100 real Philadelphians take the stage and interact with the audience. / TIM MITCHELL

'What I Learned About Outer Space'

This collaboration between FringeArts, the Pennsylvania Ballet and the Curtis Institute of Music plays during the opening weekend of the festival in the new theater. Three experimental choreographers just met the ballet dancers and Curtis musicians who'll be performing their works; let's see how quickly they can master the show.

'The Four Seasons Restaurant'

Abstract expressionist artist Mark Rothko bailed on a series of site-specific paintings for New York's Four Seasons restaurant in the late 1950s, which most of us would probably just see as bad manners. But Romeo Castellucci saw a play. Castellucci brings his Italian company, Societas Raffaello Sanzio, back to Philly for "The Four Seasons Restaurant," Sept. 11-Sept. 13 at the 23rd Street Armory (22 S. 23rd St.).

'100% Philadelphia'

It's risky to cast a show with real people – i.e., nonactors — but German artist collective Rimini Protokoll has figured out the formula with "100% Philadelphia," running Sept. 19-Sept. 21 at Temple Performing Arts Center on North Broad. One hundred Philly citizens, cast according to the city's 2010 census data for age, gender, race, class and more, take the stage. Tickets are pay-what-you-wish.

Gender twist

'In the Pony Palace/Football'

"High school football gets genderf—ed by an all-female cast" goes the tag line of this show from New York's Half Straddle. The female actors — as players, coaches, cheerleaders and marching band members — go through the typical up-and-down high school football season you'd expect, except there's nary a penis in sight. Performances are Sept. 17-Sept. 19 at Christ Church Neighborhood House (20 N. American St.)

JESS BARBAGALLO STARS IN "IN THE PONY PALACE/ FOOTBALL." / SHAMEEL ARAFIN

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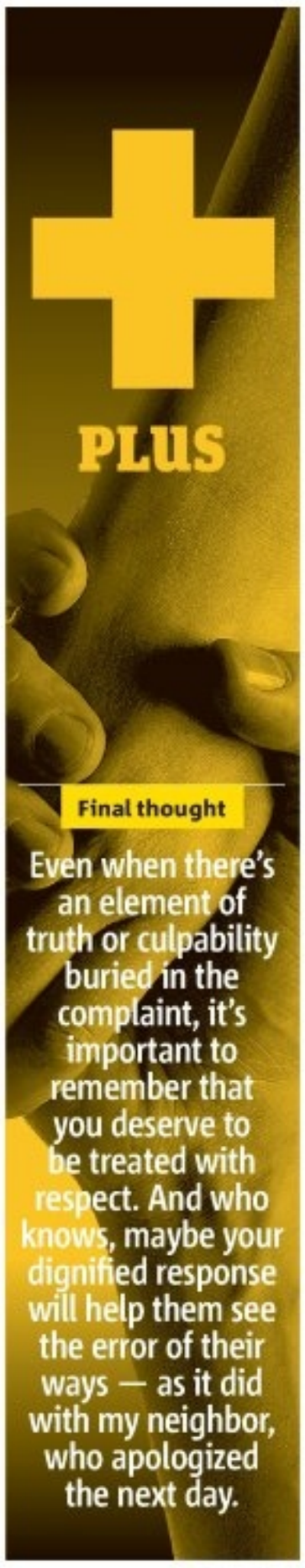
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Final thought
Even when there's an element of truth or culpability buried in the complaint, it's important to remember that you deserve to be treated with respect. And who knows, maybe your dignified response will help them see the error of their ways — as it did with my neighbor, who apologized the next day.

Common superstition holds that bad (and good) things come in threes. So when, in one evening, two back-to-back clients sought advice about how to respond to unforeseen personal attacks after I also had been verbally accosted earlier that day, I knew I had to address the issue in my column.

One client had been the target of a rant from a normally agreeable co-worker; the other by an old friend. My antagonist had been a usually friendly neighbor who hurled insults and accusations at me when, while my attention was diverted, my dog chose to mark my neighbor's sidewalk garden.

Though you might laugh, the intensity of his rage unsettled me. I was able to shake it off, knowing that his accusations of disrespect were unfounded — in fact, I had helped save this very same plot two years ago when his landlord threatened to destroy it. Perhaps my dog and I had behaved objectionably, but did it really warrant such vitriol?

As a general rule, when people overreact to a relatively minor offense there's a good chance it's not actually about you. More often than not, their overreaction is a sign that you have stumbled into an old, unhealed wound, making you the perfect patsy. In this situation, maintaining good personal boundaries — "It's not me, it's them" — can make the difference between fighting back, which will only make things worse, or shrugging it off.

When a colleague is already stressed, even a simple mistake can escalate into an argument. / PHOTODISC

Advice

Not letting someone's anger affect you can be easier said than done, especially if the accusations touch a nerve or when your character assassin is someone you care about. In these cases, take some deep breaths; then, try one of the following tactics:

1 Recognize the anger

"I see that you're angry. What would help you feel better?"

2 Take the high road

"I can't receive any constructive feedback when you're personally attacking me."

3 Dead-end the anger by insisting on a halt

"Stop, that's enough! We'll talk when you've calmed down."

4 Detoxify with an apology

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you. What upset you about my actions?"

5 Point out the futility of the interaction

"We're getting agitated and going nowhere. Let's back up and start this discussion again."

6 Diffuse the anger with validation

"What you are saying makes sense. I agree that etc."

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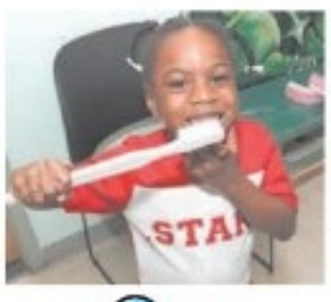

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The messy dorm survival guide

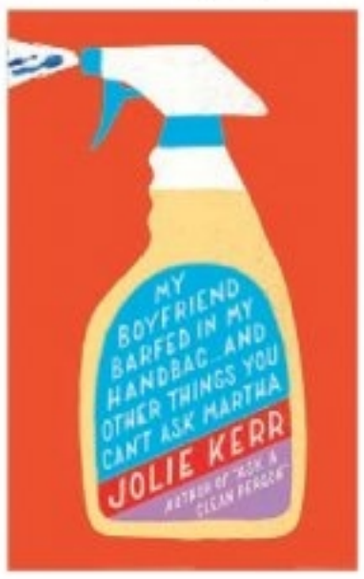
Campus life.
Adjusting to a roommate's living habits can be tough.

If you were to ask the average person to close his or her eyes and picture a stereotypical college dorm room, the words "neat and organized" probably aren't the first things that come to mind. But given that many incoming college students are going to be living with roommates for the next four years, a conversation about cleaning is in order.

"The first thing you have to accept is that you can't control other people's behavior," says Jolie Kerr, the author of "My Boyfriend Barfed in My Handbag — And Other Things You Can't Ask Martha." She shares these tips on how to share a living space.

Be the person you want to live with

"Set an example," says Kerr, noting that picking up after yourself should be part of your daily routine. "You come from a better position if you're walking the walk." It's also important to remember that not everyone has the same definition of "clean" or "messy." Some people simply don't mind having a pile of clothes on the floor.



Focus on the mess

"Try not to make it personal," says Kerr. "If you have a roommate who leaves food around, it's important to say 'That bowl of half-eaten cereal is gross.' Not 'you are gross.'"

Make your bed every day

"Dorm rooms are so small, so it's especially important to make the bed," Kerr notes. A good way to get into a bed-making routine is to do it at the same time every day. "It could be right after you get up or right after you shower," she suggests.

Know when to go up the chain

It's important to talk to your roommate directly before involving your Resident Advisor or formally requesting a room change. Kerr says that if things continue even after mentioning it twice, it's time to take sterner action. "If your roommate is doing things like leaving food around or leaving used condoms on the floor, go to the RA and say, 'I've spoken to Joe or Jane and nothing has changed.' Having used condoms in the room is unacceptable."

Keeping things tidy

Set aside a few minutes a day to get organized

With schoolwork, exams and part-time jobs thrown into the mix, making time to clean can be difficult. "Just take 15 minutes to pick up after yourself," says Kerr. "Before I sat down to study, I needed to tidy my space."

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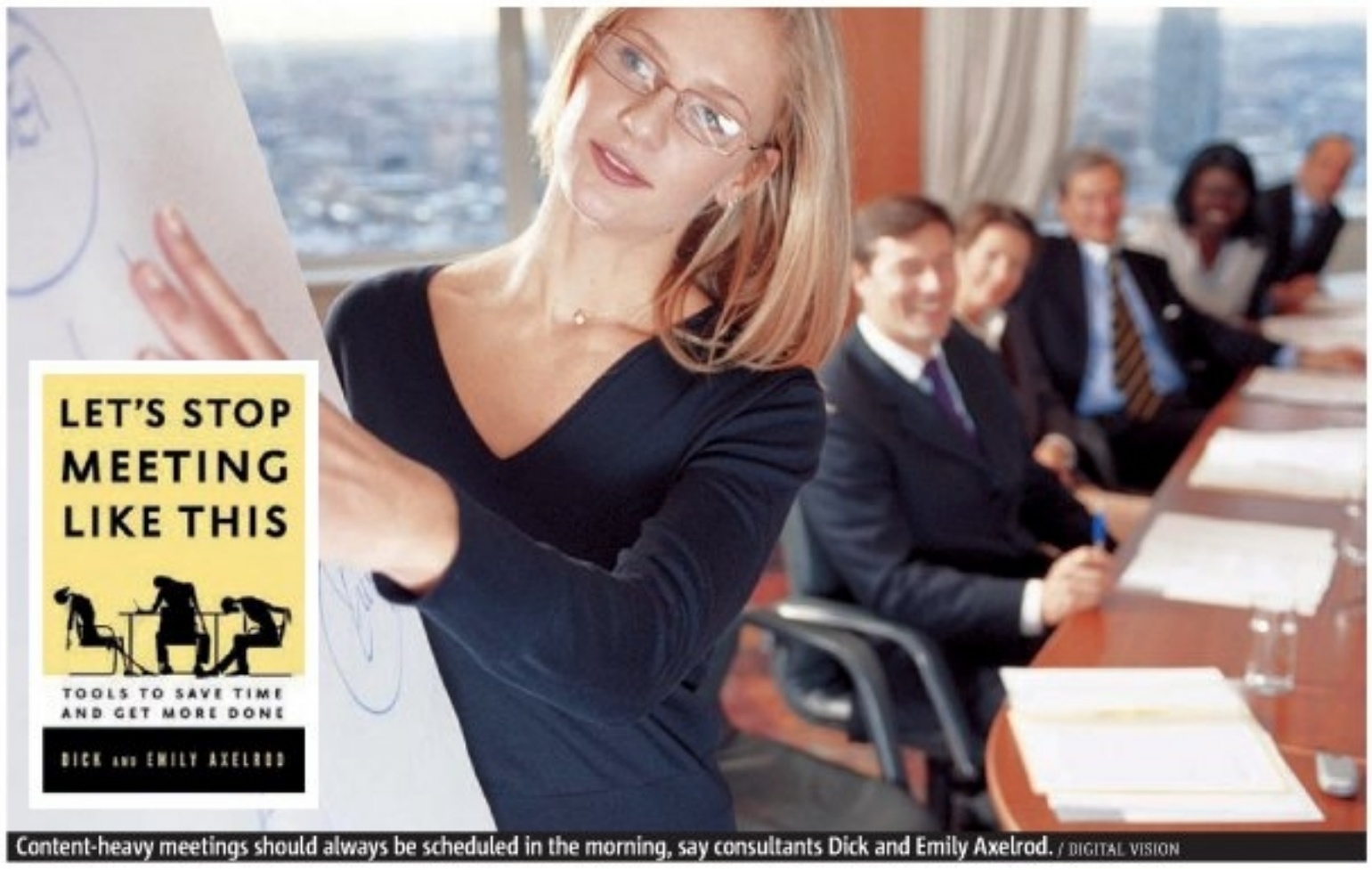
7 Ways to run a dynamic and productive meeting

Advice. Keep your meetings focused and yawn-free.

You're at a meeting inside your office's conference room. You most likely feel:

a) bored out of your mind
b) confused as to what the point of the discussion is
c) annoyed that you were pulled away from your desk or
d) a combination of all of the above.

If there's one thing most office workers have strong opinions about, it's unproductive meetings. But despite all of the evidence, little has been done to change the way most companies conduct business. We recently chatted with consultants Dick and Emily Axelrod about their new book "Let's Stop Meeting Like This: Tools to Save Time and Get More Done" and what managers can do to fix common issues.



Content-heavy meetings should always be scheduled in the morning, say consultants Dick and Emily Axelrod. / DIGITAL VISION

1 Stay on track with a schedule

"There should be ground rules for how long anyone can speak," says Emily. Having a designated timekeeper who makes sure things stay on schedule and helps moderate discussions can make a big difference.

2 Make it a point to get everyone comfortable

"You want everyone to feel connected and have a collaborative space," says Dick. "If there are new people, then you really have to have time for people to get to know each other."

3 Give everyone a chance to speak

Letting one person dominate a meeting is a recipe for disaster. "One thing to do is to institute a rule that says, 'Before we discuss anything, we should go around the room so that everyone has time to speak," advises Dick.

4 Be clear about the purpose

"It's important to ask, 'What are we trying to create here?'" says Dick. "When you know where you are and what you want to create, you begin to see things that you didn't see before." One big complaint the Axelrods hear about meetings is that they often go off-track, wasting the time and patience of employees. "We had one person say, 'All my boss talks about is his family during the meeting and we have to stay and listen,'" Dick says.

5 Know what a successful meeting looks like

Managers, says Dick, should work to make sure that employees "leave a meeting feeling that it was time well spent. There should be a little challenge," he continues. "People should feel that they learned something new. What you don't want is a meeting where you're sitting there thinking, 'All of my work is piling up on my desk.'"

6 Build in breaks so people can check their phones

On the other hand, sometimes there are simply long meetings that everyone must attend. In those cases, Emily recommends working five-to-10-minute breaks into the schedule to ensure that you have everyone's focus while the discussion is going on.

Let anyone who seems bored or distracted leave

The Axelrods say they once had a client who made all meetings voluntary because he was tired of dealing with employees who looked distracted or bored or were constantly on their phones. "If he gets the idea that they'd rather be somewhere else, he just asks them if that's the case," says Dick. "He trusts that people know how to manage their time."

Extra tip

Timing is everything

Do you have a complicated rule change or proposal that you have to roll out soon? "If it's a content-heavy meeting, morning is a good time," says Dick. "Afternoon is the time for meetings that require lots of activity."

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♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You might be sent on a wild goose chase. Make sure to do your homework. Unless you get agreements in writing, you could end up with less.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Broaden your horizons, and acquaint yourself with groups in your area. You will discover that you share a passion with someone.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Channel your energy into completing tasks and honoring your responsibilities. The longer you procrastinate, the more stressed you will feel.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. You might have to take a small detour today. If your target remains the same, consider alternate ways.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Every investment involves an element of risk. Make sure you don't overextend your budget on a get-rich-quick scheme.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Your eagerness will be disconcerting. If you don't want to risk a parting of the ways, rethink your strategy.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Compromise will make this day a success. You can get ahead if you make others realize your goals and how you intend to reach them.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Consider what you can do to improve your confidence. If a personal change will help, try to initiate it quickly. Look toward the future.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Steer clear of altercation. You may feel your energy waning. Get necessary things done early.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. There are many people in your corner. Listen to their concerns and value the opinions you are offered.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Focus on improving your cash flow. Go over your investment portfolio, and see if any changes need to be made. Professional advancement is likely if you are conscientious.

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Letters

Those aren't robots you were looking for, actually

Re: 'Who's Next' (Metro, Aug. 21-24) Please don't confuse your American audience. The TARDIS is not simply a telephone booth — it is a police box. We might not have them in America, but they're not really interchangeable. While we're on the subject of things that aren't really interchangeable, the six-letter word for R2-D2 and C-3PO is properly "droids" (not "robots," as your Aug. 19 crossword suggested). You could have used "Tom Servo and Gypsy," from Mystery Science Theater 3000 as a clue, and everyone would have been happy.

ANTHONY P. FARRELL, VIA EMAIL

Let the jury, not mob, decide

Re: 'Nobody's right' (Metro, Aug. 19) In the Ferguson case, nobody yet knows the whole story. Yet letter writer Evans has already bought his rope for the hanging just as a grand jury has started its deliberations. What is this rush to judgment? What is wrong with our society when so many, including the governor of Missouri, have already found the police officer guilty and he hasn't even been charged yet?

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6 Freighter, for one
10 Fermi split it
14 Bolt for an I-beam
15 "Typical Male" singer
16 Easy mark
17 Romance, in Rome
18 Hardwoods
19 Change for a five
20 Ruin
22 Pungent seasoning
24 Escape
25 Far afield
26 Acid in vinegar
30 Hole punchers
32 Bathe
33 Workers' protection org.
35 Sultans' cousins
40 Potter, e.g.
42 Fortress
44 Nutritional supplement
45 "— my word!"
47 Actress – Olin
48 Villain in Shakespeare
50 Unconscious
52 Very strong
56 Road division
58 Surface
59 Cooler (2 wds.)
64 Ms. Kournikova
65 — von Bismarck
67 More blustery
68 Disposes of
69 PC owner
70 "Maria —"
71 Return env.
72 Gull's cousin
73 Irritable

Down

1 Carpet nail
2 Large sedan
3 State positively
4 Swiss capital
5 Graf of tennis
6 Pocketed
7 Racetrack near Miami
8 Cuttlefish defense
9 French mathematician Blaise —
10 Take in a stray
11 Radio dial
12 Horse —
13 Unkempt
21 Bauxite giant
23 Liability opposite
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27 Be concerned
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29 Not that
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52 Fall fruits
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63 Cafeteria item
66 Mao — -tung

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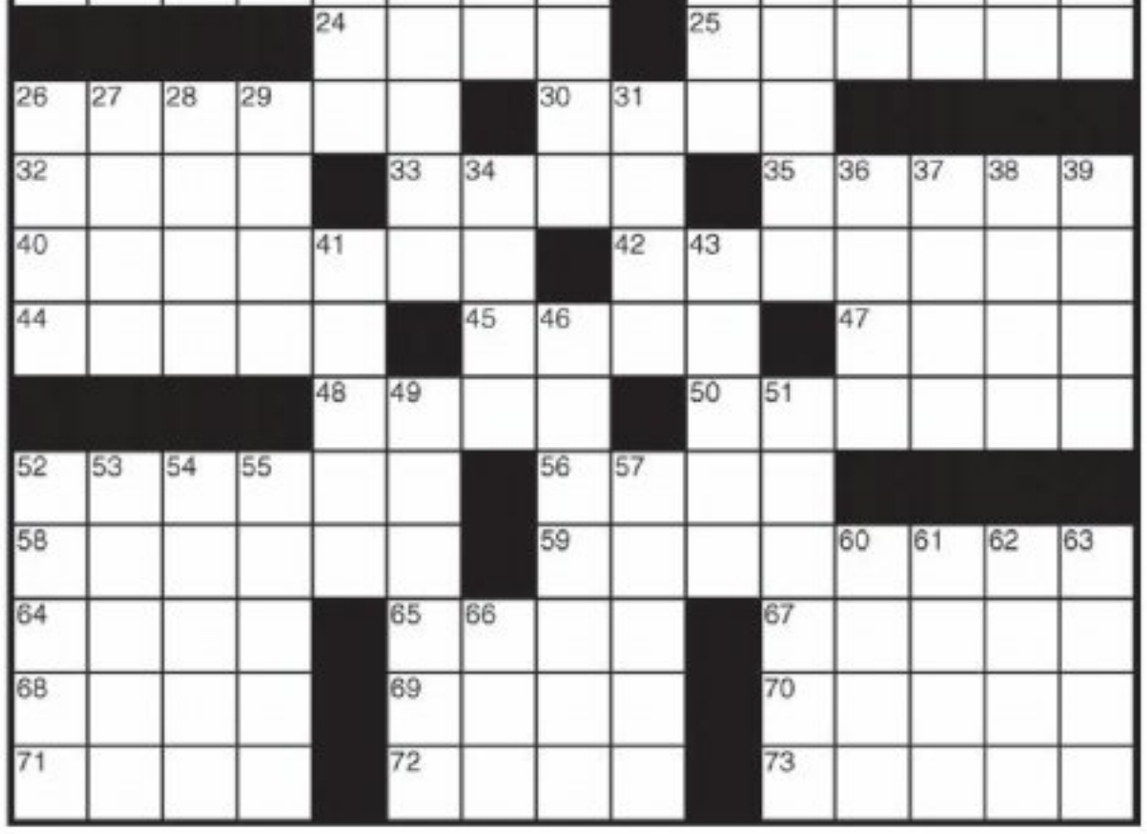

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3 SPORTS

South Korea 8, Chicago 4

South Korea wins LLWS

The American champions from Chicago were unable to complete an epic comeback in the Little League World Series championship game Sunday, as a three-run final frame ended with two men on base and an 8-4 defeat. Even as the runners-up, Chicago, along with Taney from Philadelphia, helped make inner city youth baseball a national story.

From Rollins to Utley to Howard

MLB. The Phillies core, even as they age and decline, are still historically great.

Perhaps there will never be a Jimmy Rollins to Chase Utley to Ryan Howard poem a la Tinker to Evers to Chance, but the Phillies double-play combination has played more games together at short, second and first than any three teammates at those positions in Major League history.

Rollins, Utley and Howard have started 901 regular season games together for the Phillies, which is 15 more than the previous record held by former Dodgers Steve Garvey, Davey Lopes and Bill Russell.

"We've been at it a long time," Rollins said. "What that means is that we must be doing something right."

The core of the Phillies was together before the franchise's glorious 2007-2011 run, which produced five consecutive division titles, two NL pennants and a World Series title.

"We're proud that we were part of all of that," Rollins said. "No matter what we're a huge part of Phillies history and we hope to add to that."

Rollins loves playing up the middle with Utley since he can easily anticipate what his double-play partner will do.

"I've played out there with Chase so much that I know what will happen before it does," Rollins said. "I know where he'll be. I know how the toss will come. It's a huge benefit."

Utley and Rollins can still flash the leather. The latter made a tremendous diving catch during the fifth inning of Sunday's game, robbing the Cardinals' Matt Holliday of a hit.

"They're an incredible unit out there," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said. "Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley play great defense and look at the offense they have provided for years."

No infield trio has ever played more games together than Howard, Utley and Rollins. / GETTY IMAGES

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"They've produced over the years and they're still producing. It's very impressive what Utley, Rollins and Howard have accomplished"

Mike Matheny, Cardinals manager, on the Phillies' veteran core

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A real homer

Howard feasts vs. hometown

Ryan Howard is a Cardinal killer, plain and simple.

"Howard is one of the greatest run producers I've ever seen," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said Sunday before a 7-1 loss to Philly. "He absolutely murders us. I don't think I've ever seen anyone beat up this franchise like him."

Howard's numbers are staggering against the Cardinals, who he grew up rooting for in suburban St. Louis. The Big Piece, who homered against the Cards Saturday, entered Sunday hitting .368 with 19 homers against them and averages a homer every 10.74 at-bats.

"I don't know what it is, but I just wish he would take it easy on us," Matheny said. "When you look at what's happened with that team, you can't blame those guys."

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Eagles defense is looking ahead

NFL. A preseason game still remains, but the Eagles are starting to get prepped for Week 1.

It's not really a secret that the fourth preseason game really doesn't mean much.

The starters typically don't play, and both the offense and defense rarely show anything particularly interesting as far as play calling goes.

So it makes sense that Eagles defensive coordinator Bill Davis and the Birds' defense are already turning their attention to Week 1 against the Jaguars.

The Eagles' defense has improved every week. / GETTY IMAGES

The Jags have named Chad Henne their starter, but that doesn't necessarily mean much for the Eagles at this point.

"We're looking at both quarterbacks," Davis said. "We're looking at their offense in general, the structures. They're very similar quarterbacks. They really are. I've watched a lot of both of them. And the young kid [Blake] Bortles is making some beautiful throws. He's hanging in there and doing a nice job. So I still think he could be the one thrown at you."

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MLB. Williams, Phillies pound Cards, win another series

Jerome Williams has been a fruitful addition to the Phillies rotation this August. / GETTY IMAGES

The Phillies looked like their old selves in a 7-1 win against the Cardinals to close out a 2-1 series win Sunday afternoon.

They played small ball, they hit the long ball, they played defense and their starting pitching stepped up and delivered after an extra-innings game Saturday.

Jerome Williams, in his third start with the Phillies was dominant, scattering five hits and allowing just a single run in eight innings of work.

Jimmy Rollins blasted his 16th home run of the season (just his third right-handed) in the seventh inning — a two-run shot — to add an exclamation point in the impressive victory.

Ben Revere filled the stat sheet scoring two runs, knocking in one and picking up two hits and a stolen base.

As of Sunday afternoon, Revere was in a dead-heat with Rockies outfielder Justin Morneau for the NL batting title. Both are hitting .314.

The Phillies collected eight hits in all, and look to have created some momentum with the first-place Nationals headed to town for a three-game set starting Monday. EVAN MACY

Probable starters

The Phillies host the Nationals this week and look to do some damage against the NL East's hottest team.

- **Monday:** Tanner Roark (12-7, 2.80 ERA) vs. A.J. Burnett (6.14, 4.42 ERA)
- **Tuesday:** Gio Gonzalez (6-9, 3.83 ERA) vs. Cole Hamels (7-6, 2.53 ERA)
- **Wednesday:** Doug Fister (12-4, 2.38 ERA) vs. Kyle Kendrick (6-11, 4.93 ERA)

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Football preview: Villanova expects to bounce back

NCAA. The Wildcats open their season with a difficult game in Syracuse against the Orange.

Did all those "great expectations" lead to Villanova's undoing last year? Or was it simply a case of a good team that couldn't quite fulfill its promise, primarily due to some key injuries and a bit of bad luck?

Head coach Andy Talley says it's time to turn the page on that 6-5 squad that failed to make the FCS playoffs after starting the season No. 5 in the country.

"You just have to have that little extra," said Talley, who'll open his 30th season at Villanova on Friday vs. Syracuse in the Carrier Dome. "For some reason we weren't able to pull it off. But that's history and we're moving on."

Most of those hopes are pinned on quarterback John Robertson, who threw for 1,957 yards and 13 TDs in addition to rushing for 1,405 yards and 20 scores. While Talley would love not to rely so much on his meal ticket this year, the 6-foot-1, 221-pound junior from Paramus, New Jersey, says he welcomes the challenge.

"You want to be that guy," said Robertson, who played the end of last season with a torn non-throwing shoulder but is now fully healed. "But if they're gonna fill the box we have a lot of good players … a few who were hurt last year. So I think we'll be able to spread ball around.

"I'm just gonna play my game," Robertson added. "I don't mind throwing it a lot, but when things are open I'll take it."

With Robertson throwing and running so brilliantly last year the Wildcats averaged 30.6 points a game. Considering they only allowed 22.3, Talley says they should've won more than six. But losses to Fordham, New Hampshire and Maine by a combined six points proved to be the 'Cats downfall, as the defense consistently came up short on third down.

Quoted

"We've got a good team. We're picked high again [12th according to preseason polls]. Hopefully we can fulfill that." Andy Talley, Villanova head coach

"Third down, like every other down is about trust," said four-year starting safety Joe Sarnese. "You've got to trust that the man next to you is gonna do his part, so that you don't try to do too much. Last year guys were jumping in gaps, not trusting the other person was gonna do his job. What we've been stressing in camp is that everyone has to stay together. It seems to me everyone's buying in this year."

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Villanova will attempt to repeat its unprecedented success from a few seasons ago with a completely new team. / GETTY IMAGES

Team of their own

'Cats happy to step away from shadow of 2009

For the first time since they took the 2009 national title, there are no remnants of the championship squad on the roster. But that's just fine with the 2014 Wildcats.

"When I was a freshman we were always being reminded of that, trying to live up to that," said John Robertson, who finished ninth in the balloting for the Walter Payton Award as top player in the FCS. "Now we're trying to raise our own bar. We want to leave our own legacy so that when people think of the 2014 team they'll say, 'That was a great year.'"

That will require a more balanced attack than simply turning Robertson loose. Running backs Kevin Monangai and Austin Medley will pick up some of the slack while Poppy Livers, Aaron Wells and Clay Horne will provide reliable receiving targets. Defensively, with a veteran secondary and solid linebackers the key will be replacing All-CAA D-linemen Rakim Cox and Antoine Lewis.

But if all breaks right look for Talley to have 'Nova back in the thick of the CAA race and likely back in the FCS playoffs, too. JON MARKS

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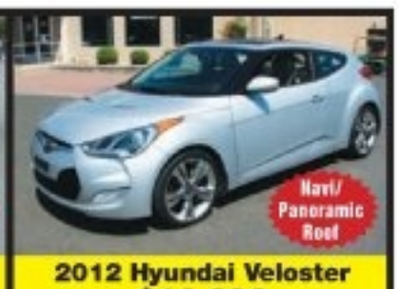

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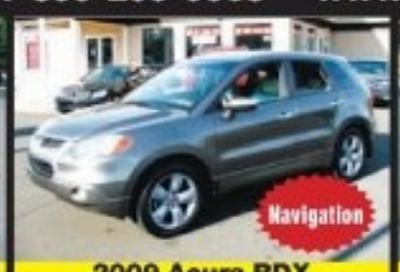

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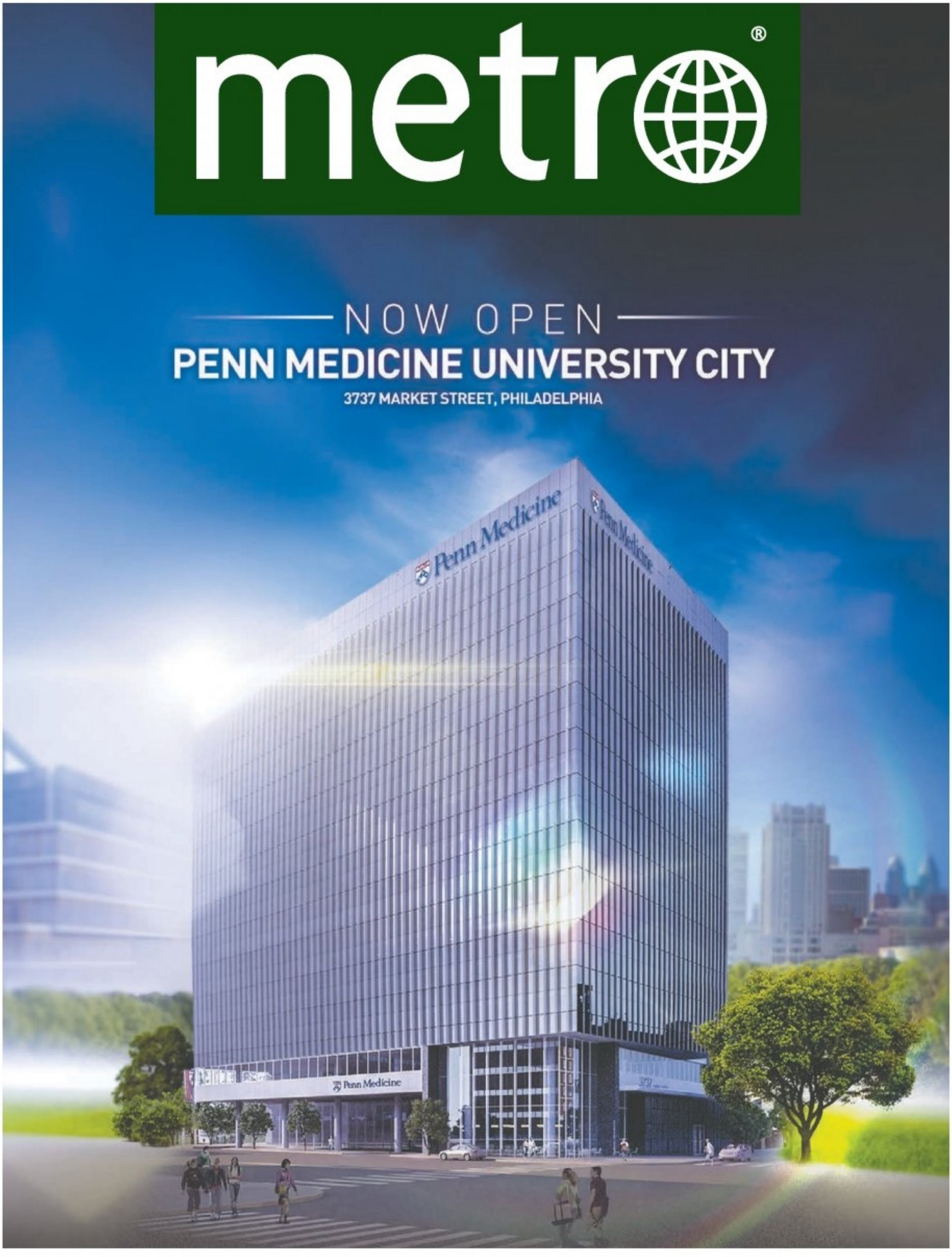

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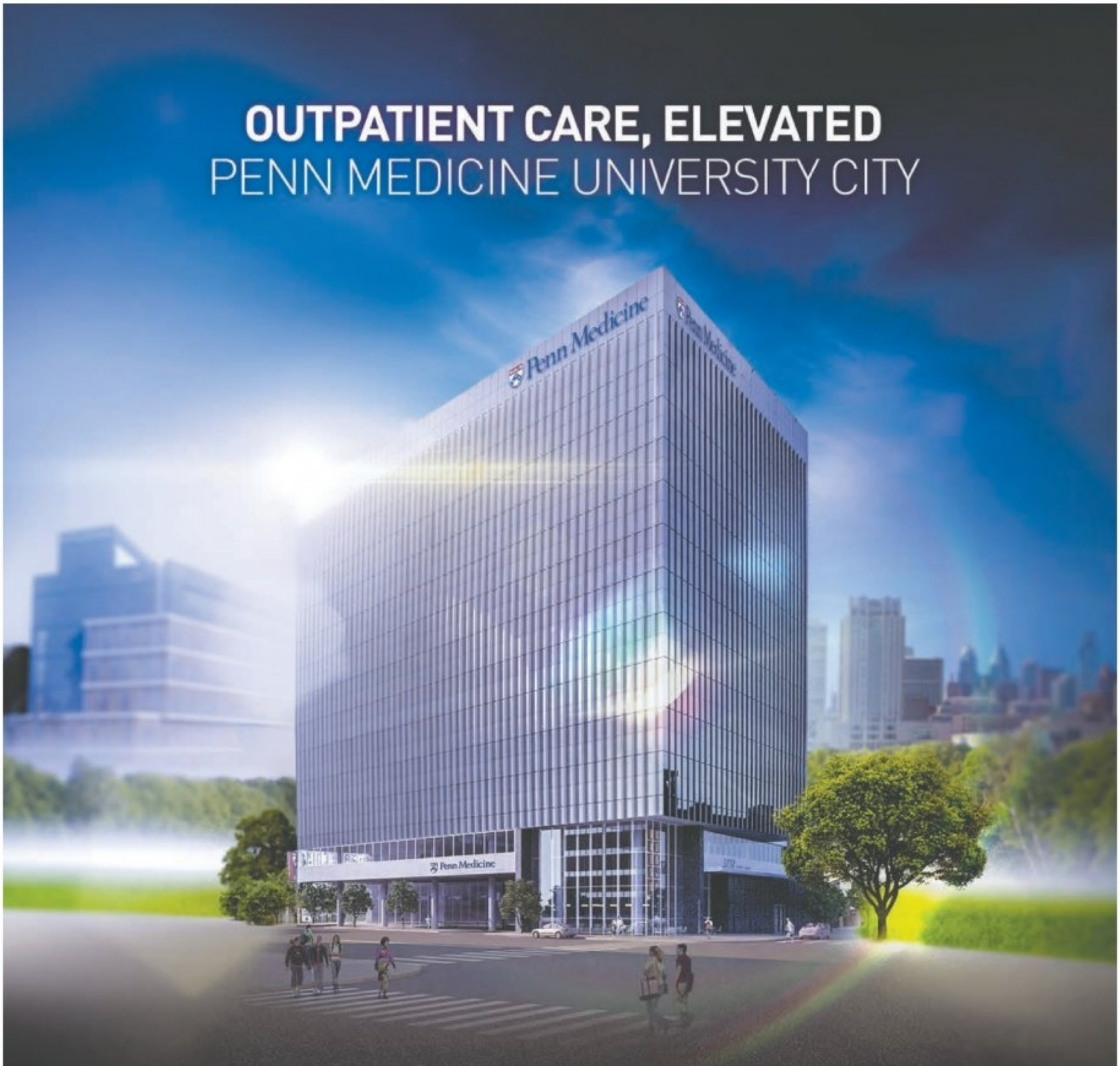

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